
**CYPRUS** Another British soldier shot

**SWEEPS** Government backs lottery Bill

**MYSTERY** Woman, 83, to be exhumed

**RACE** U.S. prepares new H-blast

# H-BOMB RACE ON AGAIN

## America plans new test blasts

### REPLY TO MOSCOW

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

AMERICA plans to hold "very substantial" hydrogen-weapon tests in the Pacific next spring, it was announced in Washington last night.

And that means the "horror weapons" race between America and Russia is being stepped up.

As Senator Clinton Anderson, chairman of the Congressional Atomic Energy Commission, said:—

"The Russians have been exploding bombs with some regularity. This shows that their smiling faces are not smiling all the time. The power of their latest test certainly would require us to keep up, and step up, our own testing.

"We can't afford to take a chance. If you are in a contest, as their explosions indicate, you had better make sure you are up to date."

### OUTCRY—AND OFF

The United States suspended tests of H-bombs and super atom bombs more than 18 months ago because:—

1 The accidental showering of Japanese fishermen, Pacific Islanders, and U.S. troops with radioactive dust from one of the Bikini explosions caused an international outcry.

2 Military chiefs felt that as bombs with the power of 15,000,000 tons of T.N.T. were already in the stockpile there was little point in making anything bigger.

The Russians have "in the last few days" tested a super weapon with power to contaminate the whole of Britain with radioactive dust from one blast.

That has given the Americans a political reason for resuming their experiments.

Britain intends to explode a hydrogen bomb as soon as the weapon is ready and a suitable testing ground can be found.

### REMEMBER?



THE Daily Express, April 2, 1954—and the mushroom cloud that shadowed the earth. This H-bomb explosion—the one which showered the Japanese fishermen—was on March 1. The place: Bikini, in the Marshall Islands.

Another, smaller, H-bomb was exploded later that month after a series of postponements while safety precautions were increased.

The first-ever H-explosion took place at Eniwetok in the Marshalls in November 1952. An island disintegrated.

Russia's only H-bomb test was in August 1953.

Next year's American tests will be at Eniwetok.

### Top atom man flees to West

BERLIN, Friday.—The first top West German atomic scientist to flee the Reds reached West Berlin with his family tonight. He is 52-year-old Professor Johannes Herdogen, physicist professor at Halle University, a member of the East German Parliament, and a leader of the fellow-travelling Liberal Democratic Party.

### 1,000-mile errand

The British tug Turnout put to sea from Cohn, Eire, last night, her crew hastily called from hotels in the town. She was said to be on her way to help a steamer adrift—minus a propeller—1,000 miles out in the Atlantic.

### Walk-out French going back to UNO

Express Staff Reporter

PARIS, Friday.—France is to return to the United Nations Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay announced tonight.

The French delegates walked out angrily seven weeks ago when the General Assembly decided, by the odd vote, to put Algeria on its agenda.

But in New York today the Assembly agreed unanimously NOT to discuss Algeria this

session. M. Pinay said tonight: "This vote was not solicited by France. It represents a victory for reason."

France would probably resume her place at the disarmament debate tomorrow or the day after.

At a Press conference he hinted strongly that he and Premier Edgar Faure will now take up their invitation to Moscow which they turned down the day after the walk-out. (Russia voted to put Algeria on the agenda.)

The French Government acted

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



### WOMAN TO BE EXHUMED

Cousin says 'I have nothing to fear'

Express Staff Reporter

POLICE will exhumate the body of 83-year-old Sarah Priestley today in the churchyard of Castlewellan, deep in the mountains of Mourne, Co. Down.

Dr. J. B. Firth and Dr. G. B. Manning, of the North-West Forensic Science Laboratory at Preston, Lancs., crossed to Belfast last night for the exhumation.

It is only Ulster's third in 34 years.

Miss Priestley's 29-year-old cousin, Mr. William Campbell, who inherited her 33-acre farm and the residue of her £4,000 estate, stopped lifting potatoes yesterday to say: "No one can accuse me of anything."

"My cousin died 13 months ago—a natural death. My conscience is clear."

### 'SCANDAL'

Mr. Campbell—his 22-year-old wife was helping him in the fields—said that Miss Priestley persuaded him to stay with her when she was left alone four years ago. Her farm was next to his family's and the following year he began renting it from her for £130 a year.

Said Mr. Campbell: "She was a sweet old lady. She died of old age and the doctors said so."

"I have a feeling nothing would have been said by the scandal-mongers if it had not been for her bit of money."

"I have nothing to fear and nothing to hide."

TEL AVIV, Friday.—Israeli troops claim to have repulsed six Egyptian attacks in the last 24 hours, with no casualties. And Egyptian A.A. guns are alleged to have fired on an Israeli plane near the Gaza strip today.

### They put me in irons says stowaway girl

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Beverley McClelland, stow-away from Australia, was put in irons, she says, after she had tried to get ashore.

She was put on probation at Hull yesterday for stowing away and for maliciously damaging ship's fittings. She was found a place in a girls' home at Leeds.

Afterwards Beverley told how she hid in the 13,000-ton liner Melbourne Star at Brisbane with Frances O'Neill, also 17. When they appeared they were locked in the ship's hold.

At Dunkirk they broke out, intending to go ashore, but said Beverley: "We walked right into the captain's cabin."

"I was put in handcuffs and another pair like handcuffs was fastened round my ankles. I wriggled my hands free, but my ankles were black and blue for days."

Captain George Aldridge said on the phone from his home at Bristol last night: "It became necessary to restrain the girls from any further attempt to leave the ship."

Said Mr. Alfred Wilson, secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association—the organisers of ship captains: "The master of a vessel is quite entitled to put a stowaway in irons if he thinks the efficient running of his ship is endangered. It is an old naval custom."

Today to soothe indignation at the way 60,000 newly recalled reservists have been bounced straight into action against North African terrorists. National Service men whose brothers or half-brothers are already serving in North Africa, or who have lost a close relative in war, need not serve in Morocco, the Defence Ministry announced.

The new rule does not apply to men already on active service or career soldiers.

THEY TOOK 'NEST EGG' AND NOW—

### Grabbers offer widow a shilling

Express Staff Reporter

A SIXTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD widow has just been offered ONE SHILLING for part of the nest-egg her solicitor husband left to her 10 years ago.

The nest-egg left to Mrs. Olive Richards was a plot of land off the Chislehurst-road in Orpington, Kent.

Three pieces of the land in the fast-growing township she sold to a builder at £40 each. Then the Post Office made a grab and took a 5,000 sq. ft. lot under a compulsory purchase order. A wall was built round it, and part of a telephone exchange was put up.

### Robbery

Now, three years later, comes the payment offer—one shilling. And her share of the costs when the land is officially transferred will be about six guineas.

"Wholesale robbery," said Mrs. Richards yesterday at her home in Regent's Court, Paddington.

"What cheek! I do know, the Government values told me that the land was worth 'a minus quantity'. Now I ask you, how can a building land which I could have sold for at least £80 be worth a minus quantity?"

She rang her solicitor. Yes, they still held the deeds of the land. No, nothing was settled. The offer? It was still is. "What nonsense," said Mrs. Richards. "It wouldn't even buy the cat his breakfast."

### Minus

She was told: "Because it has no drainage, no lights, no road, the plot has been valued as a minus quantity."

Said Mrs. Richards: "It is wrong to make out the land was worthless for building. A builder told me he could have got two pairs of houses on it."

Then Mrs. Richards left her flat shipshape for her widowed daughter, who was already out at work, pulled on her gloves and set out for an Edmonton office.

For both these widows must work to keep their home together.

One of her advisers said last night: "Government departments who grab land for a pittance know full well that it will cost

them to get it back."

MRS. RICHARDS, CAT.

"Wouldn't buy his breakfast."

the landowner pounds to fight them—then the case might be lost."

The plot has been taken over "at existing use value," said her solicitor. "The offer is scandalous."

The G.P.O. said last night: "We are sorry it has taken a long time to settle. This is not the end of the story. Negotiations are not yet complete and the fact that the building is up will not prejudice any claim there might be. The exchange was of urgent public need."

Triumph stove in

BARCELONA, Friday.—The 13,500-ton aircraft carrier Triumph arrived at Barcelona for an official visit today with her bows stove in, one ship's boat wrecked and three damaged in a gale.

'We will act'—Eden

Sir Anthony Eden said at Oxford last night: "We must examine all practices which restrict production or keep costs and prices unduly high. We intend to act firmly."

Police car hits two

A police car skidded, mounted the pavement, and knocked down 17-year-old Jennifer Bacon and her sister, Veronica, 12, at Blackpool last night. The girls and two police constables were taken to hospital. The car was wrecked.

Furnace kills six

DORTMUND, Friday.—Molten steel from an exploding blast furnace engulfed a crew of steelworkers tonight, killing six and injuring seven. And others may still be buried.—B.U.F.

£25,000—

plus

A MYSTERY PRIZE

A NEW element of excitement is added to the Daily Express £25,000 CHRISTMAS CONTEST, starting on Monday.

In addition to the prize of £25,000 the winner will receive an intriguing extra award: a mystery prize.

What will it be? Something

personal, something unexpected, something right in the mood of Christmas time.

Remember it begins on Monday—£25,000 PLUS the Mystery Prize.

Be sure to be in AT THE START—there's a fortune for someone this Christmas.

### No crime



### Shot millionaire's widow cleared

A GRAND jury heard evidence last night from Mrs. Ann Woodward of how she shot and killed her millionaire husband, William Woodward, aged 35, in mistake for a prowler.

Then the jury—at Mineola, New York State—decided that no crime was committed.

Thirty-nine-year-old Mrs. Woodward, mother of two boys, was a voluntary witness. She was sobbing as she walked into the courtroom. A doctor supported her. A doctor waited outside.

After the three-hour hearing she was still weeping and was barely able to walk to her car.

A public prosecuting official said that Paul Wirths, aged 22, had confessed he was in the Woodward home on Long Island at the time of the shooting, and had been charged with burglary.

Poison 'pets' stolen

Four guinea-pigs infected with a germ that causes food poisoning have been stolen from a public health laboratory at Exeter.

The thieves are seeking them last night. An appeal was made on the B.B.C. Western Region.

It thought children may be the thieves. The infection can be passed on if the guinea-pigs contaminated food.

Electrified fence kills baby

Sharon Reeves, aged 21 months, died yesterday after being found by her mother clutching a wire fence that had become electrified in a neighbour's garden in Wednesfield-road, Wolverhampton.

Electricity Board men are investigating. A conduit to a greenhouse runs beside the fence.

Weston buys in

CHICAGO, Friday.—Garfield Weston, millionaire boss of bakery and other firms in Canada and England, today paid £7,800,000 for a controlling interest in the National Tea Co., fifth largest food chain in America.—A.P.

70 arrested

Police swooped yesterday on a porters' canteen at Smithfield Market. Seventy men were arrested; they appear at Guildhall court today on betting charges.

More new cars

British manufacturers built an average of 16,064 cars for each week in September, bringing the first nine months' total to 669,900, 111,600 more than last year.

THE NOVELTY WALTZ

A STOLEN car crashed in a Rochester-road, Westminster, last night. Out jumped a man—wearing trousers tucked inside RED AND BLACK SOCKS.

He sprinted into the Royal Horticultural Society Hall and vanished among 2,000 dancers at a holi'say camp reunion.

The police were called—and given the only clue.

A novelty spot waltz was announced. The men dancers had to roll their trousers above their knees.

And detectives watched for a man in RED AND BLACK SOCKS. But early today he had not been found.

### GEOFF DUKE BANNED RACES

He may quit for good

By BASIL CARDEW

GEOFF DUKE, the world motor-cycling champion, has been suspended from international racing for six months. He may never race again.

The ban—announced yesterday—comes because Duke, who earns between £5,000 and £8,000 a year as star of the Italian Gilera team, backed the little men.

They are the riders who enter their own machines. And at the Dutch Grand Prix last July they threatened to strike in protest at the low starting fees.

Duke supported the protesting British riders. He did not stand to gain a penny. But he said last night: "I thought it was the sporting thing to do."

But the riders' action has been considered by the sports commission of the International Motor Cycling Federation as conduct prejudicial to the sport.

Meeting in London yesterday the commission announced the suspension of Duke and 14 other British riders for six months, starting January 1.

### No appeal

Three Italian riders were suspended for four months. There is no appeal.

Five of the suspended men—Duke, Reg Armstrong, and the three Italians—ride for Gilera. Duke and some other riders gave the commission their version of the incident yesterday. Others said in written evidence. The Dutch chairman stood down but is understood to have retained his vote.

The six-month ban means that the riders cannot compete in four major international events, including the Manx T.T. next year. And that is an almost insurmountable handicap for any man trying for the world championship.

For Duke the ban might just as well have been for life. Missing a season of first-class racing will ruin his form—and that means that no big manufacturers will want to sign him up.

The 32-year-old champion said at home in Southampton, Lancs.: "A season out of 500 c.c. racing is a serious thing—practically the end to your racing life."

"A top-class rider cannot afford to lose his form. You soon get rusty."

### Think it over

He was asked: Does this mean you will quit racing for good?

Said Duke: "I can't make up my mind yet. I shall give it a lot of serious thought—but if I am out of racing for a year I will be as good as finished."

He said he had planned to ride for Gilera again, but had not signed a contract "until this business was settled."

He said: "No big works team would want a rider who cannot take part in the first big events, particularly the T.T. Other men will have to be signed for the season."

And he summed up the incident in Holland: "I was one of several 'work' riders who said we would give our moral support. The organisers gave in and the boys got another £20. It did not affect us."

The future? Said Duke: "I shall spend more time looking after my business."

### Fish—and foreign chips soon

Imports of potatoes to meet a shortage in this country—particularly of the varieties used by fish-and-chip friers—will begin shortly, says the Ministry of Agriculture. Imports will be controlled to ensure an economic return for home crops.

Mountaineer lost

PARIS, Friday.—French mountaineer Louis Lachenal, one of two men who conquered 24,000ft. Annapurna in 1950, fell to almost certain death today on the Aiguille Duminet, near Chamoni. Rescue parties were out tonight.

## Fifth soldier killed in Cyprus

From DAVID BURK

NICOSIA, Friday.—Another British soldier—the fifth this week—was ambushed and killed by Cyprus terrorists today.

He was on a R.E.M.E. military lorry which was caught in sten gun fire near Petra, 30 miles from Nicosia.

Terrorists tonight threw grenades at British military vehicles at Frenaros, near the port of Famagusta, and at Vialoussa, but there were no casualties.

A bomb exploded outside a

### 4.30 a.m. LATEST

£275 GRABBED

Hunt on early today in Glasgow for well-dressed man who grabbed £275 bar takings from barman as he went to put it in bank night-safes.

### CONVOY AMBUSHED

Seventeen French soldiers reported killed or wounded in terrorist ambush of ambulance convoy in R.I. Mountains of Morocco.

### CAR KILLS TWO

Police trying to identify two women killed by car at Leeds last night.

### FLEet-street 8000

Green Cypriot's house in Limasol, shattering windows. Two sleeping children were unhurt.

Commandos today shot dead their first Cyprus terrorist. He came sneaking from a roadside forest and prowled around a car in which a sapper was killed and two others injured last night.

The commando guard challenged the prowler. But instead of stopping he tried to drive back to the forest. One rifle shot brought him down.

He was Agostinos Veraciniotis. It was revealed today that eight dangerously ill British soldiers, victims of latest attacks, will be flown to Britain for treatment after the week-end.

Seven Metropolitan Police tracker dogs and their handlers are being sent to Cyprus. The dogs and men will be flown out within the next fortnight.

### All clear for the raffle

Express Political Correspondent

THE Government is backing a Socialist back-bencher's Bill to legalise small lotteries. And it sanctions too whisky drives, church bazaar raffles, and local football club "sweeps."

For lotteries there would be a maximum prize of £100, a maximum price for a ticket of 10p, and a limit to sale of them of 10,000.

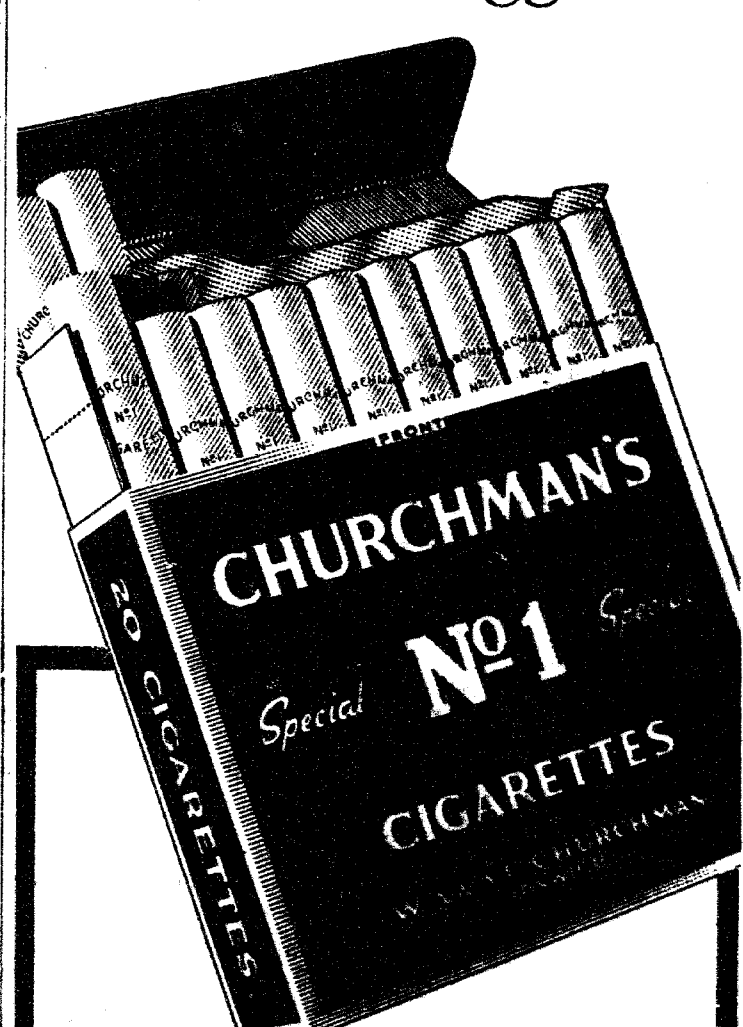
Giving the Bill Government blessing, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Under-Secretary, Home Office, said: "I am not saying that the law as at present interpreted could not be enforced."

"But strict enforcement would go beyond what many people would regard as either necessary or proper."

Sir Hugh went on to say that the police do not enforce the law against whisky drives run for charitable, sporting, or political purposes—except when these events were used as a cover for gambling.

The debate, Page Two.

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